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Acting President H. A. S. Carr,

University of Alberta.

Dear President Carr:

I have been in Ottawa and have interviewed the Prime Minister, the Hon. Mr. Meighen and the Hon. G. H. Macleau with regard to the memorandum asking for assistance for returned men. Unfortunately I am not able to report favourably. The Prime Minister made no promise, though he told me he was personally in sympathy with the request, but found difficulties among members of his cabinet which he himself recognized. He believes that it might embarrass the Government in regard to requests for other classes of returned soldiers. This is simply the same objection that we met in May.

In view of the present situation I will print the memorandum, if this meets with your approval and send it to a number of members of the House of Commons.

Do you not think that we should then approach the press to see if they will give publicity to it and to our desires ? I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.